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CHEROKEE WHITE HOUSE FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

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FOL RPT DAR ES SALAAM 3641 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DTD 24 AUG 78

QUOTE: S E C R E T DAR ES SALAAM 3641

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE ONLY REPEAT  
AMB LOW

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK, TZ

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: NYERERE'S COCERNS

REF: STATE 215071

1. SUMMARY: NYERERE IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT SECRET PATRIOTIC  
FRONT MEETING WITH SMITH IF PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERSHIP GOES INTO  
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IT UNITED WITH SPECIFIC AGREED POSITION. HE HAS SENT FOREIGN  
MINISTER MKAPA TO MAPUTO TO PROMOTE THIS OBJECTIVE. END  
SUMMARY.

2. I SAW PRESIDENT NYERERE PRIVATELY EVENING AUGUST 24 TO  
PRESENT CONTENTS REFTEL. NYERERE LISTENED CAREFULLY AND  
EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO THE USG FOR STATEMENT ITS POSITION

ON SECRET BRITISH-NIGERIAN INITIATIVE. HE NOTED PARTICULARLY OUR VIEWS ON IMPORTANCE PF UNITY AND OUR UNDERSTANDING MUGABE WAS TO ATTEND SMITH MEETING ALONG WITH NKOMO.

3. LAST POINT, SAID NYERERE, WAS WHY GARBA HAD COME HERE. HE WANTED NYERERE TO PERSUADE MUGABE, WHO WAS BALKING, TO ATTEND MEETING. NYERERE SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT NKOMO HAD TO DATE BEHAVED WELL, INSISTING WITH SMITH THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH HIM ONLY ON BEHALF ENTIRE PF, NOT JUST ZAPU.

4. NYERERE WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT INITIATIVE FOR REASONS EARLIER GIVEN ME. HE COULD NOT SEE HOW HE COULD URGE MUGABE INTO SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HURT CAUSE. HOWEVER, NYERERE HAD DECIDED THAT MUGABE-NKOMO MEETING WITH SMITH MIGHT BE USEFUL IF TWO LEADERS WENT IN COMPLETELY UNITED AND WITH PREVIOUSLY AGREED POSITION ON WHICH TO NEGOTIATE.

5. THEREFORE, NYERERE HAD SENT FOREIGN MINISTER BEN MKAPA TO MAPUTO, WHERE PF WAS MEETING, TO HELP GET SOUND AGREED POSITION, AND, IF THAT COULD BE DONE, TO URGE MUGABE TO GO AHEAD. NYERERE WAS STILL BY NO MEANS CERTAIN A MEETING WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE.

6. AT END NYERERE REPEATED HIS APPRECIATION FOR OUR GIVING HIM OUR VIEWS ON THE NIGERIAN-BRITISH INITIATIVE, CONFIRMED HIS CONTINUING AGREEMENT WITH OUR BROADER RHODESIAN POSITION AS  
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STATED REFTEL, AND URGED US CONTINUE TO STICK TO OUR PRINCIPLES.

7. COMMENT: NYERERE IS STILL DUBIOUS THAT THE BRITISH-NIGERIAN INITIATIVE WILL WORK AND NOT ALTOGETHER HAPPY AT WAY IT HAS DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, HIS SUSPICIONS OF DOUBLE-DEALING HAVE BEEN ALLAYED AND HE IS GRATIFIED THAT WE ARE CLEARLY AWARE OF PITFALLS HE SEES IN APPROACH. HE HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO GO ALONG WITH THE EFFORT ON THE BASIS DESCRIBED, BUT HE WILL DO SO MORE EASILY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY NOW. I AM GRATEFUL FOR REFTEL. THIS WAS A GOOD PIECE OF WORK. SPAIN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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